

## Claims

1. A method for retrofitting a bucket including  
a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion,  
a wire member including  
5 first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,  
a central section intermediate the first and second ends,  
a gripping member mounted on the central section of the wire member,  
the method including the steps of  
(a) removing the gripping member; +  
10 (b) providing a replacement unit for the gripping member, the replacement unit  
including a plurality of pieces shaped and dimensioned to interfit with one  
another and circumscribe the central section of the wire member;  
(c) mounting the replacement unit on the central section of the wire member by  
interfitting said plurality of pieces.  
15 2. In combination with a bucket, the bucket including  
a cylindrically shaped container including an upper portion,  
a wire member including  
first and second ends attached to the upper portion of the container,  
a central section intermediate the first and second ends,  
20 the improvements comprising means for grasping the wire member and including a  
plurality of pieces shaped and dimensioned to interfit around the central section of the  
wire member.